

**ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING**

MARCH 08, 2022

A Special Meeting of the Alloway Township Committee was called to order at 4:45 p.m. by Mayor P. Ed McKelvey in the Alloway Township Municipal Building. Mayor McKelvey announced that adequate notice of this meeting was provided by the Township Clerk pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor McKelvey

Roll Call - Present: Morgan, Patrick, McKelvey

Also in attendance was the Municipal Clerk, Charlet Cheeseman, Township Safety Coordinator, Jeffrey Pompper, Board of Recreation Members: Suzanne Dorrell, Sue Bestwick, Mike McQueston, Joe Quather (joined via phone) and Bill Holmes. Mayor McKelvey asked Mr. Holmes to share his background experience with the audience. Mr. Holmes stated he is a retired Captain of Law Enforcement in the Sheriff's Department.

Mayor McKelvey shared that the lake has been closed for almost 40 weeks and the Township went out (2) times with bid packages and none were submitted. Mayor clarified the bid package was for cameras, site access card readers and vehicle and turnstile gate security system. He stated the Township Committee wants to get the lake back open, so that is reason for tonight's special meeting.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mayor McKelvey asked for a motion to open public session.

On motion by Patrick, seconded by Morgan, public session was opened.

Vote: All in favor

Discussion ensued between the audience and the Township Committeemen with regards to the following topics: raising fencing around the dam and between the pavilion and the dam, to allow swimming or eliminate swimming, liability with allowing swimming, leaving or removing of the dock/pier, small floating dock, motorized gate system, high resolution cameras/30-minute recording loop, Wi-Fi, signage, hiring of a part-time armed or unarmed security guard, revenue for the lake, parking and overflow of vehicles, improve the boat ramp, point caps on posts and trash issues when large groups were at the pavilion. The Alloway Township residents who spoke are listed below.

Douglas Atwell, 249 Alloway-Friesburg Road
Tim Blocksom, 101 Lakeview Drive
Larry Lore, 104 Thomas Road
Chris Snyder, 36 Cobbs Mill Road
Jake Chapman, 72 E. Canal Street
Ed McGee, Canal Street

Mayor McKelvey introduced Jeff Pompper. Jeff is the Townships Liaison to the Townships Insurance Carrier (Joint Insurance Fund a/k/a TRICO JIF). Mr. Pompper stated all issues expressed have been a concern since it opened. He shared that every year when the Township is audited by the Risk Management Company, the Township is written up for the dock/pier and recommends that the Township make it "no swimming". He continued stating that the water is a huge liability to the Township i.e. to allow swimming, ice skating etc. and it is a major risk and concern. He said that the Township is only required to have public access to the lake and that is stated in the States original agreement with the Township. He commented that the Township should start out by reducing facilities at the lake until additional securities are put into

place. He agreed that the fishermen should have access to the lake as they pick up their trash and bring in revenue for the lake.

Mayor McKelvey stated the Township Committee needs to make decisions tonight. With seeing no one else wishing to speak, Mayor McKelvey asked for a motion to eliminate swimming in Alloway Lake. Motioned by Patrick, seconded by McKelvey.

Roll call vote: Morgan-no, Patrick-yes, McKelvey-yes Motion carried

The Township Solicitor will be contacted to amend the Ordinance.

Mayor McKelvey asked for a motion to remove the dock/pier at the lake access. Motioned by Morgan, seconded by Patrick.

Roll call vote: Morgan-yes, Patrick-yes, McKelvey-yes Motion carried

Mayor McKelvey asked for a motion to open the lake access back up on Friday, March 11, 2022 with intentions of making improvements as discussed right away. Motioned by Morgan, seconded by Patrick.

Roll call vote: Morgan-yes, Patrick-yes, McKelvey, yes Motion carried

The Mayor instructed the B.R.C. to obtain quotes from several security guard companies. He concluded the meeting stating we made progress and appreciated everyone who came and gave us their input. He thanked Jeff for putting up with the Committee.

There being no further discussion to come before the Committee, public session was closed and a motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Morgan, to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Vote: All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Charlet Cheeseman, RMC, Municipal Clerk